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## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed July 31, 2002, please amend identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete Claims 1-14.

Please add Claims 15-26 as follows:

15. (New) A method for controlling an oil well pump for pumping oil from a well bore comprising the steps of:

receiving first and second temperature signals from respective first and second temperature sensors placed in an output oil flow from said oil well pump; said first and second temperature signals indicative of respective first and second temperatures of said output oil flow proximate to said first and second temperature sensors; said first sensor spaced from said second sensor in said output oil flow;

heating a first region of said output oil flow proximate to one of said first and second temperature sensors;

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